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Title: METHOD FOR ISOLATING AND PURIFYING GRASS POLLEN ALLERGENS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the extraction is carried out by means to tris/HCl-buffered aqueous solution.

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4. (Amended) Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that, in a first step, the group 1, 2, 3, 10 and 13 grass allergens are separated off from other constituents by means of hydrophobic interaction chromatography.

7. (Amended) Method for the in-vivo and in-vitro diagnosis of pollen allergies using the allergens obtained in accordance with Claim 1.

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8. (Amended) Pharmaceutical preparation comprising one or more allergens obtained in accordance with Claim 1 and corresponding assistants and excipients.